White Wolf Studio ZA

The Engineering Reset

A two-week, fixed-price reset for PHP/Laravel teams that need to ship with confidence

For teams of 3–30 developers who are hiring a "senior" and hoping for a lead, taking a legacy platform in-house, or simply tired of releases being scary. In two weeks, White Wolf Studio reviews one codebase and the way work flows through it, installs a pull-request review and merge process, gets a CI pipeline running green, wires in AI-assisted first-pass code review with a human holding approval, and leaves you with a phased test-coverage roadmap and a 30-day plan — written once for the business owner in plain language, and once for the developers in detail.

WHAT YOU GET

- **Discovery, two ways.** A one-page plain-language report for the owner (the three biggest risks and what they mean for the business), and a full technical findings document for the developers — with file paths, commands and numbers, not opinions.
- **A PR review and merge process** your team can follow on day one. Two pages. Plus the PR template, contributing guide and ownership map to make it stick.
- **CI, green.** A pipeline that runs tests, lint and a dependency audit on every pull request, with every broken test listed and the exact steps to turn on branch protection.
- **A test-coverage roadmap** in phases, with the specific files, hour estimates and exit criteria for each — so you can budget it, not guess at it.
- **AI first-pass code review**, wired into your CI, with the prompt in a file your team can read and tune. Approval authority stays human.
- **A 30-day plan** for the owner: what to do first and why, what it costs, the three decisions only you can make, and the one metric to watch.
- **A hand-over walkthrough** (30 minutes) and a README a new developer can read on their first morning.

HOW IT RUNS

Days 1–2	Discovery — read-only. Nothing in your repo changes. Ends with a re-scope checkpoint: if the codebase is bigger or stranger than expected, you hear it on day 2 with options, not on day 10.
Days 3–4	Process — the review and merge process, delivered as a pull request you approve.
Days 5–6	CI — pipeline running and green, as a pull request.
Days 7–8	Roadmap and AI review — as a pull request.
Days 9–10	30-day plan, README, hand-over checklist, walkthrough call.

WHAT IT IS NOT

The Reset changes process and safety nets, not product code. It does not fix product bugs, build features, reformat or refactor your codebase, write the test suite (it plans it), migrate infrastructure, or perform security penetration testing. Each of those can be quoted separately. One primary repository is in scope; a second application is an extended Reset.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Read access to the repository from day 1 and the ability to open pull requests from day 3 (never direct access to your main branch or production). A technical contact who answers within a working day. The owner for a 30-minute kick-off and a 30-minute hand-over. An NDA is signed before any access is granted.

PRICE

R25,000 fixed. 50% on signing, 50% on delivery. Not a VAT vendor — that is the full amount. If discovery shows your codebase needs more, you are told on day 2 and can choose to proceed as standard, extend by priced sessions, or stop with the discovery documents delivered.

Some teams keep us on afterwards as a fractional engineering lead — about six hours a week — until their permanent hire lands. See the companion one-pager.

NEXT STEP

A 15-minute fit call. Send a repo link or describe the platform and the thing keeping you up at night, and we will tell you honestly whether the Reset would pay for itself. hello@whitewolfstudio.co.za